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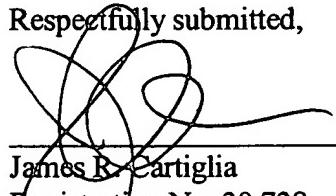
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Please amend the specification to add the following paragraph at page 1, prior to "Technical Field", in order to insert the claim of priority as a continuation in part, which claim was set forth in the original Utility Patent Application Transmittal and in the original Filing Receipt, and which is acknowledged in the substitute declaration filed May 10, 2002:

"This application is a continuation-in-part of our prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/826,225 entitled "Graphite-Based Thermal Dissipation Component", filed April 4, 2001"

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